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Message from the Grand Marshall

Independence Day is a time to Honor America. Honor our Constitution. Honor our Nations great battles for freedom, and the leaders of them. Honor our ideals, our diversity, and the strength that comes from both. We are part of a great melting pot of humanity. We are a land of Immigrants (mostly). We are here because our brave forefathers chased a dream....

The American Dream.

A nation of such diversity is certain to experience internal conflict and misunderstanding. Black/white, rich/poor, left/right, Christian/Muslim..... and the list goes on. This diversity is America... Our freedoms to speak as we please, pursue our dreams, worship freely, and defend ourselves should never be taken for granted. We all should be diligent in the protection of these freedoms. Countless patriots have paid the ultimate price to give us the gift of freedom and democracy.

One example of all of the above is Jocko Graves, "*The Faithful Groomsman*". An African American Patriot who was one of the first casualties of the rebellion against the king. This man would have never let the colors touch the ground, and neither should we. A true American hero who gave his life, even as he was

considered less than equal, in the spirit of freedom. To Honor America is to honor sacrifice, freedom, diversity, others opinions, equality and the understanding that we all have more in common than not, for we are Americans.

Our defense against tyranny, slavery and invasion was adopted as a Constitutional Amendment on December 15, 1791. Of all Laws and Amendments, The Second Amendment is our most valuable, giving us the means to demand forever our rights as Americans. Never should this right be dismissed as outdated, barbaric or dangerous. For those whom may disagree, I beg you to reconsider. Your freedom to speak against the Second Amendment, ironically, is a freedom protected by it. Remember that.

America has her problems, it seems more now than ever. Our Government doesn't always make the best decisions. Some decisions are shameful. We must never mistake our Federal Government as "America". **WE ARE AMERICA.** Our hope, our dreams, our freedom. Having personally been jailed in multiple Eastern European Socialist countries in the 80's, I can bare this testimony to you. We are blessed to be Americans.

America is Port Orford.
America is the differing
opinions in Port Orford.

America is every single voice in Port Orford. America is stronger through diversity and opposition. We must remember to respect all ideals, voices and personalities in America, and Port Orford. We are united as Americans and neighbors, the rest are details.

Honor America this fourth of July, but don't stop there. Honor America every single day. Honor our Constitution every single day. Honor our Veterans every single day. Honor diversity every single day. Get involved, sacrifice, make your voice heard every single day. Be America, every single day.

Celebrate safely, Brett Webb

Other Events of Note

Bonnie & Leslie's

Homestyle Cooking –

July 11, 7:30PM, Celebrating the opening of their bar – "Now Serving!"

Highway 101 Liquor –

special hours July 4th, 1 – 5PM.

Rogue Credit Union –

Free Hot Dogs and Fair, July 3, 10 – 2PM.

Remember: Although you can purchase fireworks in Battle Rock Park, it is illegal to set them off there – a heavy fine will ensue those who forget.

As always,

Be Safe,

Be Sane